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SECTION 2. ENGINEERING PROCEDURES FOR OE CASES FOR FM BROADCAST AND ILS/VOR

- **17. PURPOSE.** The purpose of these procedures is to determine whether a new FM broadcast station (88-108 MHz) can be safely operated without causing destructive RFI to an inplace or proposed FAA ILS or VOR. (See appendix 3 for using the AAM to check ILS frequency proposals.)
- **a. Both airborne receivers** aboard aircraft and FAA ground receivers are to be considered. The FMO conducts a study, then makes a recommendation to AT as to whether to concur or non-concur. Simultaneously, while the FMO is studying the RFI potential, other services in the regional office are studying whether the new tower or structure would have an adverse effect on the safe and efficient use of airspace. A non-concur recommendation can stop the proponent (PROP) from getting FCC approval for the station. The engineering study which results in the decision must be carefully and thoroughly done, since there are considerable political and financial pressures involved.
- **b. Referring to the PROP's location**, a check is made to find the nearest FAA or military A/G VHF or UHF communications facility within RLOS. Once located, the FM station's anticipated signal level at that site is determined. The frequencies involved are 118-137 MHz and 225-400 MHz. If the PROP's out-of-band signal level is calculated to exceed -4 dBm, the decision is **non-concur**, because at that level ground receivers will overload and function improperly. If the in-band spurious emission level would exceed -104 dBm, then a **concur with comment** determination is made. This states that Spectrum Management will concur **provided** sufficient additional attenuation is provided by the PROP for the above bands to assure that the -104 dBm or better level is met within those bands. See paragraphs 10 and 11, Section 1 of this appendix.
- **c.** These same levels are used for other sources of potential RFI, such as Police and Fire transmitters, Radio Paging transmitters and any of the many sources in the FCC's Radio Services. That procedure is covered in section 3 of this appendix.
- **d.** The AAM is used for evaluating the potential interference to ILS/VOR from FM broadcast stations. The AAM negates tedious calculation after all parameters have been inputted.
- **18. OE CASE EVALUATION PROCEDURE**. A work sheet is a very handy guide. It assures that all needed functions are accomplished and describes what conditions led to the concur/non-concur decision. See figure 15 for a practical worksheet. To start with, gather the heading information from the Form 7460-1. It is needed in working the AAM. Use the antenna AMSL height from 5C of that form, unless the PROP supplies an antenna drawing with dimensions so that the RCAMSL of the transmitting antenna is specified. Use RCAMSL if it is available.

FIGURE 15. SAMPLE OE CASE WORKSHEET FOR FM

OBSTRUCTION EVALUATION (OE) WORKSHEET FM BROADCAST STATIONS

DATE 4-15-93 LOCATION MERCED, CA CASE	E # TEST
PROP COORDINATES: 37 16 44 / 1203735 ANT	MSL 620'COR
PROP FREQ 104.7 MHz ERP 50 kW CALL KHTN FA	ANT 6- BAY
SCENARIO: PROP proposes to move presently - 1	icensed KHTA
to new location. Same power & freg.	

NEW INSTALLATION

- MODIFICATION AND/OR RELOCATION OF AN EXISTING STATION
 - ___ RUN PCCIRCLE REPORT PROGRAM (30 nmi radius).
 - No VHF/UHF comm frequency within 30 nmi.
 - X FAA COMM frequency within 118-400 MHz.
 - Run GROUND.WK1 program on nearest/lowest frequency for levels.
 - in-band spurious level < -104 dBm. CONCUR
 - $\overline{\mathbf{X}}$ out-of-band radiation level < -4 dBm. **CONCUR**
 - x in-band spurious level > -104 dBm. CONCUR WITH COMMENT
 - out-of-band radiation level > -4 dBm. NON-CONCUR
 - X RUN AIRSPACE ANALYSIS MODEL (AAM)
 - No ILS within 30 nmi.
 - x check all ILS'S within 30 nmi radius of PROP.
 - X print all available charts and plots.
 - No VOR within 30 nmi.
 - check all VOR'S within 30 nmi radius of PROP.
 - X Run VOR portion of AAH. if a problem, use Venn diagram.
 - Run IM and FMDESENS programs. Run OE2.WK1, OE3.WK1, or do a manual Venn diagram.
- X PROP IS A MODIFICATION OR RELOCATION. RUN ALL ABOVE PROGRAMS AS APPROPRIATE FOR BOTH PROPOSED AND EXISTING FACILITIES.
- X EVALUATE RESULTS:
 - NEW FACILITY; No points of predicted interference. CONCUR
 - __ NEW FACILITY; Exceeds in-band limit only CONCUR WITH COMMENT.
 - ___ NEW FACILITY; Interference predicted. NON-CONCUR

 - MODIFIED FACILITY; Proposed facility clear on its own merit. CONCUR

 MODIFIED FACILITY; Proposed facility's predicted interference is the same or less than the present facility. CONCUR W/COND. STATEMENT
 - MODIFIED FACILITY; Proposed facility's predicted interference is
 - greater than the present facility. NON-CONCUR

X FINAL RECOMMENDATION CONCUR W/COMMENT; CONCUR W/COND STATEMENT.

- **a.** Task 1. Use the CIRCLE program to obtain a circle search of all FAA and military COMM facilities within 30 nmi of the PROP's location. When the CIRCLE report prints out, look first for the lowest/closest FAA or military VHF frequency. If none is found, then look for the first UHF. In the rare event that no FAA/military ground VHF/UHF COMM is found, then skip Task 2, below, and go on directly to Task 3. Normally there will be a site. Complete the key in front of the appropriate entry for this function in the worksheet. A sample printout is shown in figure 16.
- **b.** Task 2. Determine the actual levels, using the GROUND.WRK1 File. Enter the data from the worksheet and antenna data from the graphs within the program. When completed, type "P" and the form will print out on your printer. A sample printout is shown in figure 17. Notice the last two lines on the page. If the calculated values are less than the two maximum permissible values shown, this part of the study is completed. Note that they are negative values, so a lesser value of signal is a greater negative number. Mark the first two keys of the result on the worksheet. If either exceeds, complete that portion of the sub-status statements on the work sheet and be guided accordingly for the final recommendation as to concur/non-concur or concur with comment.
- **c.** Task 3. Run the AAM program. Instructions are contained in the *User's Manual and Technical Reference to the Airspace Analysis Model*.

FIGURE 16. SAMPLE PC CIRCLE REPORT

PC Circle Report
Date: 04-08-93
Assignments Found Within 15.00(nm) of 371644N, 1203735W

Source Identifier	Freq. Lat. (MHz)	Lon.	Dis. TC St. (rm)(Deg)	City	XAZ XCL (Deg)	Gain (dB)	Elev.Hght.REM01 (ft) (ft)	Power (KW)
FM KHTN BPH92031310	A 104.7000 371644	ม 1203735น	.00 D CA	Los Banos			APP	50.000
FM KVRQ BPH91081618			.04 141 CA	Atwater		_	APP	6.000
FM KVRQ BMPH90011211	=	-	1.55 99 CA	Atwater		-	CP	3.000
FM RM6606	A 92.5000 371605		1.68 112 CA	Atwater		-	ADD	.000
FM RM6606	D 92.5000 371728		2.89 75 CA	Atwater		-	DEL	.000
GMF FAA 850657	169.3000 371714		3.05 80 CA	MERCED	ND	00	00213 030 0035	.030
GMF FAA 850658	172.9000 371714		3.05 80 CA	MERCED	ND		00213 030 0035	.030
GMF FAA 730801	109.3000 371733		5.03 80 CA	MERCED	138 MCE		00151 007 0018	.020
GHF FAA 801913	991.0000 371734		5.06 80 CA	MERCED	ND MCE		00151 020 0018	.100
FM KNTO BLH841113KI	L 95.9000 371857	N 1204320W	5.08 295 CA	Livingston		•	LIC	3.000
GMF FAA 922707	132.1750 371720	N 1203057W	5.31 83 CA	MERCED	ND	00	00151 023 0010.	.005
GMF FAA 760048	124.8000 371714	N 1203048W	5.42 84 CA	MERCED			0045	.010
GMF FAA 765180	165.7625 371714	N 1203048W	5.42 84 CA	MERCED	ND	00	00230 059 XXXXX	.010
GMF FAA 730802	332.0000 371649	N 1203038W	5.53 89 CA	MERCED		10	00151 030 0010	.005
GMF FAA 892307	75.0000 371623	N 1203003W	6.00 93 CA	MERCED			0001	.004
GMF AF 782584	109.5000 372153	N 1203305W	6.27 34 CA	CASTLE	322 AWZ	15	00177 007 0018,	.025
GMF AF 748086	332.6000 372251	N 1203503W	6.44 18 CA	CASTLE	142	12	00194 016 0010,	.002
GMF AF 762358	109.5000 372251	N 1203503W	6.44 18 CA	CASTLE	142 MER	17	00194 016 0018,	.005
GMF AF 814902	1030.0000 372234	N 1203311W	6.80 30 CA	CASTLE	R	22	00190 023 347	.100
GMF AF 891008	1090.0000 372234	N 1203311W	6.80 30 CA	CASTLE	ND	00	0001,	.050
FM KHTN BLH800506AC	L 104.7000 371129	N 1203203W	6.85 139 CA	Los Banos		-	LIC	50.000
GMF AF 841409	120.0500 372237		6.90 31 CA	CASTLE	ND	05	00180 026 0020,	.010
GMF AF 834337	124.8000 372237	N 1203303W	6.90 31 CA	CASTLE	ND	05	00180 026 0045,	.010
GMF AF 835573	118.4500 372237	N 1203303W	6.90 31 CA	CASTLE	ND	03	00180 026 0030.	.010
GMF AF 756337	126.5000 372237	N 1203303W	6.90 31 CA	CASTLE	ND	03	00187 079 0045.	.010
GMF AF 782585	332.6000 372330	N 1203436W	7.17 19 CA	CASTLE	322		00213 030 0010.	.006
GMF AF 841464	1002.0000 372341	N 1203436W	7.34 18 CA	CASTLE	ND MER	05	00194 046 0040.	3.000
GMF AF 841410	120.9500 372333	N 1203350W	7.44 23 CA	CASTLE	ND		00190 026 0020,	.010
AM KLO	a 1.5800 371731	N 1202603W	9.21 85 -	-		-		•
AM BL821130BEKYC			9.80 53 -			-		
FM KFMK BMPH91042210		N 1202737W	9.81 53 CA	Winton		-	CP	4.400
FM KABXFM BLH7878	L 97.5000 372231	N 1202737W	9.81 53 CA	Herced			LIC	50.000
FM KXDE BPH880301MY	c 107.7000 372205	N 1202710W	9.86 57 CA	Merced		•	CP	3.000
PND FAA 742411MNA	75.0000 371242	N 1202600W	10.06 113 CA	MERCED			0001	.004
GMF FAA 742411	75.0000 371242		10.06 113 CA	MERCED			0001	.004
FM KYAJ BPH910116MT			10.69 88 CA	Merced		•	CP	3.000
GMF FAA 701865	114.2000 371310		11.37 108 CA	EL NIDO	ND HYP	02	00197 020 0040	.100
GMF FAA 872046	1176.0000 371310		11.37 108 CA	EL NIDO	ND HYP		00197 016 0040	1.000
TV SO BPCT870327			11.75 97 -	-				•
FM KFIE BLED890725KE			12.54 45 CA	Merced			LIC	2.950
TV 7FD BLTT920709			12.54 45 -	-		-		
FM KFIE BPH91121016	· - · · - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		12.95 43 CA	Merced			СР	2.500
AM BL861119ABKLE			14.63 221 -					
AL DESCRIPTION LE	1.3300 310331							

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FIGURE 17. SAMPLE GROUND.WK1 REPORT

AIRSPACE NUMBER:			
LOCATION:	DATE:	14-Apr-93	
FAA SITE:			
Lat N 34 5 18 Lon W 117 8 15	Protected frequency Antenna height AMSL	127.0 1590.0	MHz ft
PROPONENT: PROP	······		
Lat N 34 5 16 Lon W 117 8 16	Radiated Power Frequency Antenna height AMSL	0.1 155.3 1595.0	MU-
	Slant Distance: Da = Theta		ft deg
EIRP - Effective Radiated Power in	er of the proponent. n Kw) + 62.2	50.0	dBm
<pre>Lr = Receiver system on free Use 3 dB if actual valu</pre>	quency losses. ue unknown.	3.0	dB
La = Typical ground/air ante Select VHF or UHF graph	enna loss. n from menu.	2.0	đВ
	the broadcast polarized, Lp = 16 dB, polarization, Lp = 0 dB.	0.0	dВ
requires antenna patter proponent. E = relative Theta from above. If we Ld = 10 log (E)^2	on data from the vertical unknown, enter E = 1.	0.0	dВ
<pre>Sr = FCC spurious emission t lesser: 80 dB for FM, 43 + 10 log ERP in watt</pre>	60 dB for TV, or	60.8	dB
Lv = Free space transmission receive frequency. Lv = 20 log (freq. in M		51.9	dB
Li - Free space transmission frequency of the interf	loss at the erring station.	53.6	dB
IN-BAND RADIATION (must be les EIRP - Lv - Ld - Lp - L	s than -104 dBm) r - Sr —————>	-65.7	dBm
OUT-OF-BAND RADIATION (must be EIRP - Li - Ld - Lp - L	less than -4 dBm) r - La =====>	-8.6	dBm

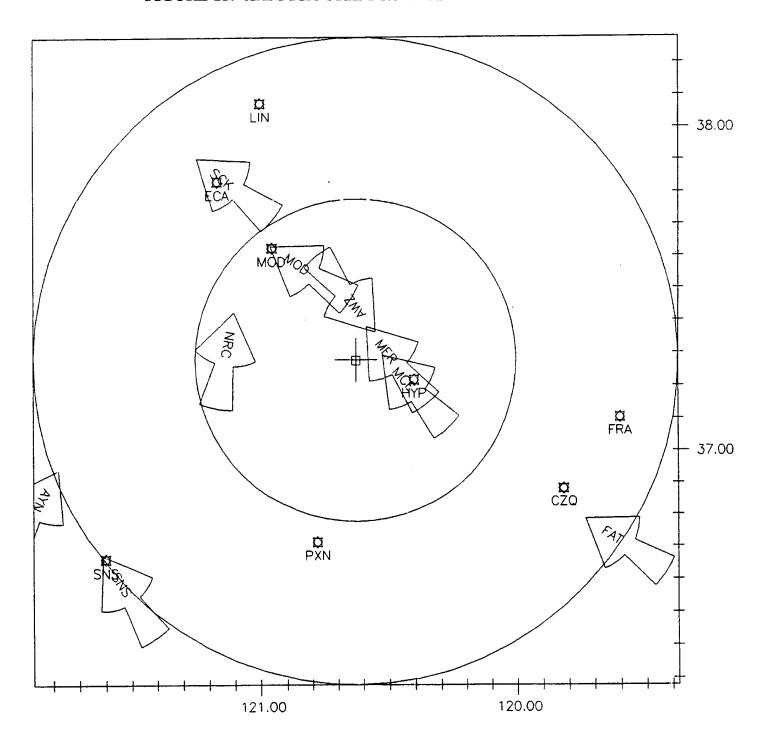
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19. EXAMPLE OF AAM PROGRAM FOR FM/ILS

a. The following illustrates a typical OE case study. For the example, FM station KHTN is requesting to move its facilities to another location. Both the present and new location of KHTN must be earmarked as "PROP'S" by placing a "1" in the appropriate column for KHTN.

- **b.** Using the parameters in figures 9 and 15, the AAM program will produce a plot of the ILS's that need to be studied (see figure 18). Although all 5 ILS's within 30 nmi shown on the plot must be checked, only MCE is used for this example. Even though the AAM may prompt for the back courses, the *Terminal Procedures* manual should be consulted to verify whether the back course must be evaluated.
- **c. After the FM and VOR database has been edited** and the AAM has run this phase, it produces the RFI.PRT which indicates RFI for both the PROP and the present station. See figure 19. Note in the summary at the end of the report that a greater number of IM points exists for KTHN than for the PROP.
- **d. Figures 20 and 21** are the horizontal printouts of the predicted RFI. The numbers 1 through 9 and letters a through d indicate the intensity of the predicted RFI. The higher the number (or letter), the higher the intensity. Their locations within the FPSV indicate the predicted RFI location and altitude. Because of the small font size of the numerals or letters, a dot-matrix printer or low dots-per-inch (dpi) printer may not resolve them, but show only dots. No letters or numerals in the printout would indicate no RFI is predicted. The bold lines in these horizontal studies printout pages indicate the altitude "slice" studied, in this case, the default, the bottom of the FPSV.
- **e. Figures 22 and 23** are the vertical printouts of the predicted RFI. The numbers and letters represent the same information as in figures 20 and 21. The bold lines in these vertical studies printout pages indicate the azimuth of the vertical "slice."
- **f. Based on the MCE analysis data**, a PROP's move to the requested location would reduce the potential RFI to MCE (front course), thus would be advantageous to FAA. The action would be **concur with conditional statement**. That statement would indicate that the move would be satisfactory by reducing the RFI potential. However, if there is increased RFI, the PROP must take steps to remedy the problem at the onset.
- **g.** The GROUND.WK1 printout showed that the in-band level of -104 dBm would be exceeded, so an additional **concur with comment** is appropriate which advises the PROP that the spurious emissions must be additionally attenuated to assure the -104 dBm level is not exceeded at the Merced RCF.

FIGURE 18. AAM PROGRAM SAMPLE SEARCH PLOT



Airspace case #: TEST

Proponent = PROP

Latitude = 37 - 16 - 44 NLongitude = 120 - 37 - 35 W

Search Radius: 60 nm

Note: ILS Service Volumes Drawn to Scale

FIGURE 19a. AAM PROGRAM SAMPLE RFI.PRT PRINTOUT

PRINT DATE: 04-08-1993 08:59:16 RFI .PRT TEST

Site: MERCED, CA

Airspace case #: TEST Date: 040893 Navaid Identifier: MCE Navaid Frequency (MHz): 109.30

Navaid Latitude: 37. 17 33 Navaid Longitude: 120. 31 21

Runway Heading (True): 318.0 Runway Elevation (Ft. MSL): 153. Runway Length (Ft): 5903.

Prop ID Stat	Call	Freq (MHz)	Latitude	Longitude	ERP (Kw)	Height (MSL)	Range (NM)	Radial (True)	
	KMPO KBES	88.70 89.50	37. 32 0 37. 35 21	120. 1 29 120. 57 23	2.050			238.65 130.73	L C
3	KEFR	89.90	37. 32 1	120. 1 50	1.800		27.55		L
4	KADV	90.50	37. 36 26	120. 57 26	1.500	207.	28.02	132.36	L
	KFSR	90.70	36. 48 42	119. 44 43	2.550		47.09	307.78	L
	KBDG	90.90	37. 29 59	120. 49 41	.140			130.49	L
	KCSS	91.90	37. 31 35	120. 51 25	.150			131.36	С
	KXMX	92.10	36. 57 58	120. 2 6	25.000		30.45		L
	KVRQ	92.50	37. 16 42	120. 37 33	6.000		5.01		Α
	NEWx	93.30	37. 12 30	120. 15 0	3.000		13.96		A
	KXDA	93.30	37. 13 1	120. 11 57	3.000		16.09		C
	KYAJ	94.10	37. 17 5	120. 24 9	3.000		5.75		C
	KTAA	94.30	36. 42 59	120. 3 51	1.350		40.95		A
	KTAA	94.30	36. 44 29	120. 5 8	3.000			327.66	L
	KDJK	95.10	37. 47 34 37. 18 57	120. 31 8	29.500			180.33	L
	KNTO KUBB	95.90		120. 43 20 120. 1 29	3.000		9.63	98.36	L
	KABX	96.30 97.50	37. 32 0 37. 22 31	120. 1 29 120. 27 37	1.900		27.78		L
	KNAX	97.90	36. 44 9	119. 47 59	50.000		5.79		L
	K251	98.10	36. 44 26	119. 47 39	48.000			313.97 313.50	L C
	KMIX	98.30	37. 34 46	120. 50 48	4.000			138.11	A
	KFMK	98.70	37. 22 31	120. 30 48	4.400			210.86	C
	NEWx	99.30	36. 44 8	119. 47 11	3.000			313.46	A
	NEWx	99.30	36. 46 47	119. 47 37	3.000			311.39	A
	NEWx	99.30	36. 48 13	119. 47 27	3.000			309.94	A
	K257	99.30	37. 18 50	119. 40 8	.010			268.20	Ĺ
	KCIV	99.90	37. 32 0	120. 1 29	1.850		27.78		Ĺ
	KSXY	101.10	36. 55 48	119. 38 27	10.000		47.46		Ĺ
	KAMB	101.50	37. 26 27	120. 8 39	17.000	•	20.12		č
30	KAMB	101.50	37. 27 59	120. 14 9	50.000			232.64	Ĺ
31	NEWx	103.10	36. 47 30	120. 30 0	3.000		30.07		Ã
32	KHOV	103.90	37. 32 0	120. 1 29	.070		27.78	238.65	C
* 33	KHTN	104.70	37. 11 29	120. 32 3	50.000	617.	6.09	5.25	L
	PROP	104.70	37. 16 44	120. 37 35	50.000	620.	5.03	80.65	
35	KVPC	105.50	36. 40 51	120. 9 53	3.000	515.	40.51	334.96	С

FIGURE 19b. AAM SAMPLE RFI.PRT PRINTOUT (CONTINUED)

PRINT D	ATE:	04-08-1993	08:59:16	RFI	. PRT	TEST
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36 KFIE 37 KQLB 38 KAAT 39 KMMM 40 KXDE 41 VPXN 42 VCZQ 43 VHYP	106.90 107.10 107.30 107.70 112.60 112.90	37. 25 3 36. 55 3 37. 25 36. 55 3 37. 22 36. 42 5 36. 53 37. 13 3	35 120 8 119 11 120 5 120 56 120 1 119). 50 4:). 44 4). 7 :). 27 10). 46 44). 48 50). 24 :	2 6.000 4 .280 3 .000 3 .000 4 .050 5 .050 .050	843. 4337. 561. 571. 2076. 377. 217.	5.62 36.73 41.79 7.30	35.09 258.59 319.09 216.27 19.54 305.94 306.91	L C C C V V
43 VHYP 44 VMOD		37. 13 1 37. 37 3	_				28.88		V

Interference thresholds are computed for receiver locations based on calculated field strength for a 15-Element V-Ring localizer array.

Listing of A2/B2 Evaluations

Freq (MHz)	ID	Call	Offset (MHz)	#Pts

No A2/B2 points found.

Listing of 2-frequency intermodulation (B1) combinations

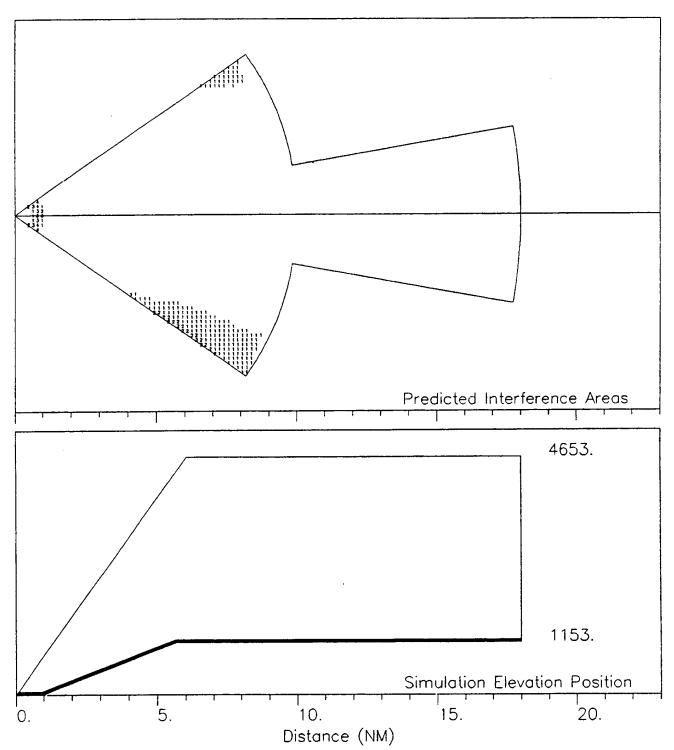
Freq 1 (MHz)		Call	Freq 2 (MHz)	ID	Call	IMod Offset (MHz) (KHz)	#Pts
(1112)	10	Juli	(/				

No 2-frequency intermodulation interference found.

Listing of 3-frequency intermodulation (B1) combinations

Freq 1 (MHz)		Freq 2 (MHz)		Freq 3 (MHz)			Offset (KHz)	#Pts
107.70(107.70(106.30(106.30(104.70(104.70(109.30 109.30	0	18 220

FIGURE 20. AAM SAMPLE PLOT OF PREDICTED RFI - HORIZONTAL - KHTN



Airspace case #: TEST Site: MERCED, CA

Date: 040893 Plot filename: 14_10_0X.plt Service Volume Bottom

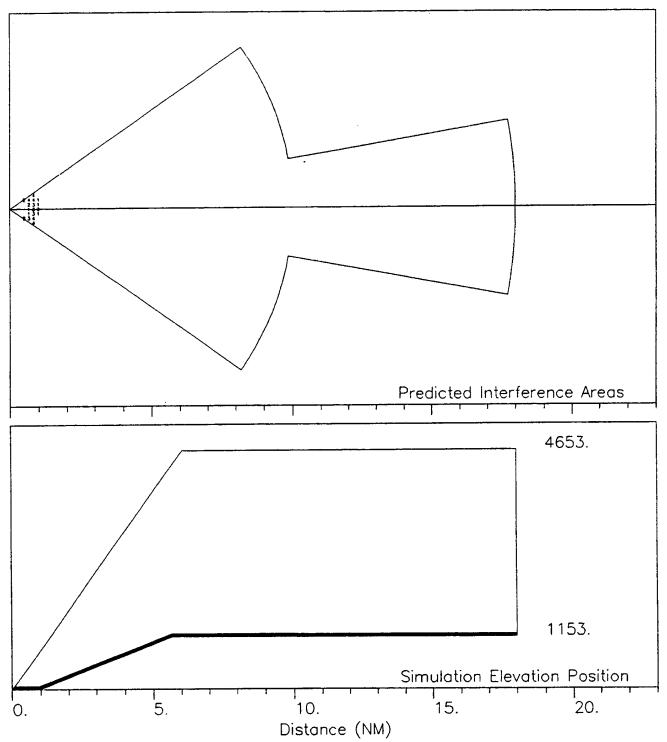
Intermod (B1) plot: KXDE (40), KFIE (36), & KHTN (33)

Frequencies: KXDE = 107.70 MHz KFIE = 106.30 MHz KHTN = 104.70 MHz

Navaid: MCE Frequency: 109.30 MHz Elevation (Ft. MSL): 153.

Runway heading: 318.0

FIGURE 21. AAM SAMPLE PLOT OF PREDICTED RFI - HORIZONTAL - PROP



Airspace case #: TEST Site: MERCED, CA

Date: 040893 Plot filename: 14_10_0Y.plt Service Volume Bottom

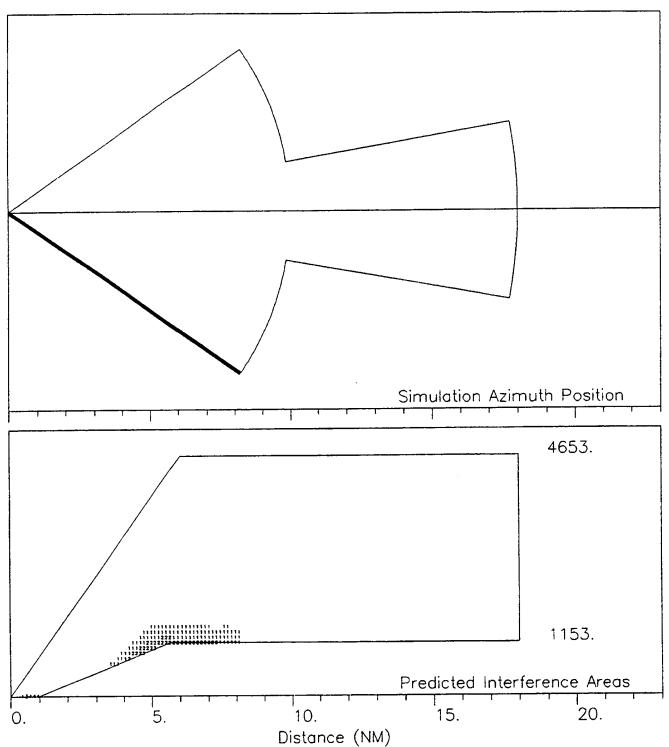
Intermod (B1) plot: KXDE (40), KFIE (36), & PROP (34)

Frequencies: KXDE = 107.70 MHz KFIE = 106.30 MHz PROP = 104.70 MHz

Navaid: MCE Frequency: 109.30 MHz Elevation (Ft. MSL): 153.

Runway heading: 318.0

FIGURE 22. AAM SAMPLE PLOT OF PREDICTED RFI - VERTICAL - KHTN



Airspace case #: TEST Site: MERCED, CA

Date: 040893 Plot filename: 14_10_0X.plt Selected Radial = 359.8

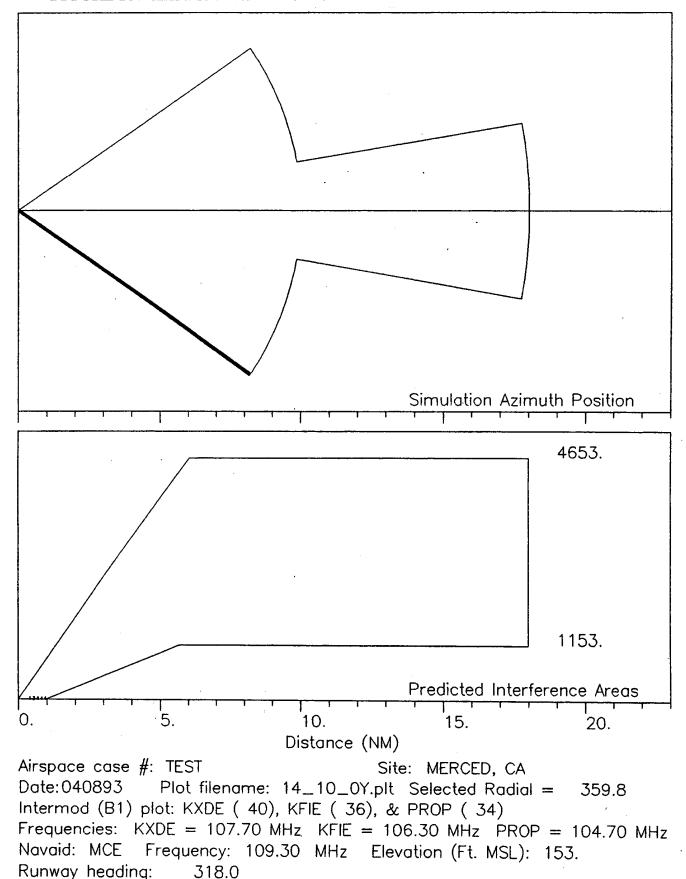
Intermod (B1) plot: KXDE (40), KFIE (36), & KHTN (33)

Frequencies: KXDE = 107.70 MHz KFIE = 106.30 MHz KHTN = 104.70 MHz

Navaid: MCE Frequency: 109.30 MHz Elevation (Ft. MSL): 153.

Runway heading: 318.0

FIGURE 23. AAM SAMPLE PLOT OF PREDICTED RFI - VERTICAL - PROP



FIGURES 24. thru 30. RESERVED.

20. thru 24. RESERVED.